

OneCode^{ACS}TM

Address Change Service using the 4-State Customer Barcode

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OneCode^{ACS}TM is a new option for customers mailing automation compatible letters to use Address Change Service (ACS). While ACS is not a new service, mailers can access this new option by using a new barcode - the 4-State Customer Barcode (4-CB). The 4-CB will include a numeric Business Entity Identifier (BEI) in place of the ACS participant code as well as a unique numeric mailpiece identifier instead of the mailer keyline.

The 4-State Customer Barcode is a new barcode that will not only contain data to sort mail, but also contain data in support of other services such as Confirm® and Address Change Service (ACS). 4-CB is the USPS-developed 4-State Customer Barcode used to encode routing information and tracking information that can be read by automated mail processing equipment to sort mail and to provide tracking information to mailers.

This new option will be available only for automation-compatible letter-size mail in the introductory version. Since OneCode^{ACS} is designed to generate only electronic address correction records, the use of an ancillary service endorsement is not required, although a new endorsement will be introduced. Mailers must incorporate the BEI code in the Customer Identifier field and the unique mailpiece identifier in the Sequence Number field of the 4-CB in accordance with USPS document *Specification USPS B-3200*.

We will modify standards for OneCode^{ACS} in the future to accommodate additional mail classes, processing categories, and endorsements as our technology evolves.

OneCodeACS

- Collects mailpiece data from automation transports using the 4-CB.
- Provides data similar to traditional Address Change Service
- Electronic address corrections only – no PS Form 3547 or 3547D
- Eliminates the use of ACS Participant ID and keyline on separate lines
- Rolls out in two phases – Version 1 utilizes existing transports following label application – a transitional process until PARS is fully deployed
- Version 2 utilizes the Postal Automated Redirection System (PARS) capability to determine action on the mail based on the barcode data and creates the address correction record at the labeling point.
- There is a transition period between PARS capability and the completed roll-out of PARS. Records could be created by either method, depending on PARS availability for the mailpiece delivery address.

Traditional ACS	OneCode^{ACS}
PS Form 3547 is a possible record	Designed to produce only electronic records
Records available in multiple media	Records available only on RIBBS
“Nixie” record provides a nondelivery reason	If processed in PARS, provides reason. If not, “Nixie” record is a mailpiece return notice
Requires an endorsement and 2 text lines	Only Standard Mail will require an endorsement, and no text lines are required
Requires label samples for activation	Requires mailpiece samples for activation, and Merlin® and MASS barcode certification
Available on all classes/processing categories	Initial availability limited to automation letters
Available with “Address Service Requested” and “Change Service Requested”	Initially available with no endorsement required, “Electronic Service Requested” or “Address Service Requested” options
Price: \$.21 per notice	Price: To Be Determined

For more information on the 4-State Customer Barcode, and for new releases of documentation and program information, please visit our website, <http://ribbs.usps.gov/OneCodeSOLUTION/>. The ACS department at the National Customer Support Center can be reached at 800-331-5746.